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1. (U) THE JUNE 30 - JULY 06 EDITION OF NEWS AND VIEWS
FROM VATICAN CITY.

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G8: GENOA'S CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP WANTS NON-VIOLENT PROTESTS

2. (U) GENOA'S ARCHBISHOP, CARDINAL DIONIGI TETTAMANZI, HAS REJECTED VIOLENT PROTESTS AGAINST THE G8 SUMMIT LATER THIS MONTH (REFTELS A AND B). IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CENTER-LEFT ITALIAN DAILY "LA REPUBBLICA," THE CARDINAL DESCRIBED THE "SEATTLE PEOPLE" AS A NEW CULTURAL PHENOMENON. INSISTING THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE MUST HAVE A MEANS OF VOICING THEIR OPINIONS AND INFLUENCING THE ECONOMIC PROCESS, HE ALSO SAID THAT VIOLENCE IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO ACHIEVE THAT END. MEANWHILE, THOUSANDS OF YOUNG CATHOLICS ARE EXPECTED TO DESCEND ON GENOA JULY 7-8 FOR PRE-G8 PROTESTS. ORGANIZERS SAY THE YOUNG CATHOLICS ARE PROTESTING EARLY TO AVOID THE EXPECTED "PANDEMONIUM" DURING THE SUMMIT. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CATHOLIC GROUPS SAID THEY HAD NOTHING AGAINST THE "SEATTLE PEOPLE" BUT THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO RUN THE RISK OF BEING DRAGGED INTO "A DEGENERATION INTO VIOLENCE". THE
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SPOKESMAN SAID VIOLENCE WAS "AGAINST OUR PRINCIPLES AND IT IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE." THE YOUNG DEMONSTRATORS WILL BE WELCOMED TO GENOA BY CARDINAL TETTAMANZI. CHARGE HAS AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE CARDINAL AND WILL REPORT SEPTEL.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LACKING FOR MILLIONS OF CHRISTIANS

3. (U) THE VATICAN-SANCTIONED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WATCHDOG GROUP "AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED" ALLEGES SOME 200 MILLION CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION. A 400-PAGE REPORT, THE THIRD OF ITS KIND, PROVIDED INFORMATION OF THE STATUS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN EACH OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS. IT ALSO PROVIDED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF RELIGIOUS BELIEVERS AND REFUGEES. AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED ESTIMATES THAT 165,000 CHRISTIANS WERE KILLED LARGELY ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS DURING 2000. THE VIOLENCE WAS MOST PRONOUNCED IN INDONESIA, SUDAN, EAST TIMOR, INDIA AND EGYPT. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, DISCRIMINATION AND LEGAL SANCTIONS AGAINST CHRISTIANS WERE MOST OBVIOUS IN CHINA, SUDAN, INDONESIA, NIGERIA AND TURKMENISTAN. AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED ALSO POINTED OUT MORE SUBTLE FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE REPORT SAID A RECENT FRENCH BILL THAT CRIMINALIZES "MENTAL MANIPULATION" POTENTIALLY COULD BE TURNED AGAINST ANY PARENTS WHO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN IN A FAITH OR MONKS AND NUNS WHO LIVE IN COMMUNITIES THAT COULD BE VIEWED AS SECT-LIKE.

POPE WANTS ETHICS-SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP FOR XENOTRANSPLANTS
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4. (U) POPE JOHN PAUL II HAS ENCOURAGED SCIENTISTS AND ETHICISTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO RESOLVE THE MORAL ISSUES SURROUNDING THE TRANSPLANT OF ANIMAL ORGANS INTO HUMANS. IN A JULY 3 MESSAGE, THE PONTIFF SAID ANY MORAL RESPONSE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, POSSIBLE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPLANTING ORGANS FROM OTHER SPECIES AND ADEQUATE RESPECT FOR THE DONOR ANIMALS. THE POPE

FOOD AID FOR NORTH KOREA CRUCIAL

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DOLLARS 3.26 MILLION IN AID FROM INTERNATIONAL DONORS HAD BEEN CONFIRMED. IN ADDITION OF FOOD SHORTAGES AND MALNUTRITION, NORTH KOREA ALSO FACES SHORTAGES IN DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. (NOTE: SINCE 1995, THE VATICAN NGO CARITAS HAS DONATED SOME US DOLLARS 25 MILLION OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO NORTH KOREA, INCLUDING FACTORIES AND FARMING PROJECTS TO PRODUCE NOODLES AND SWEET POTATOES. END NOTE). ZELLWEGER SAID THAT IT HAS BECOME MUCH EASIER FOR AID AGENCIES TO OPERATE IN NORTH KOREA, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY OPENED UP REMOTE VILLAGES TO VATICAN-BASED RELIEF AGENCIES.

JULY 4 EVENT: TRADE, CULTURE AND THE BOOGYING CARDINAL

16. (U) POST'S JULY 4 EVENT RECEIVED WIDESPREAD COVERAGE FROM ROME-BASED MEDIA. WHILE SOME REPORTS DESCRIBED THE EVENT AS "FLASHY," THE BUFFET DINNER AND CONCERT WAS JUDGED BY MOST OF THE 500 GUESTS AS "THE BEST EVER." AN INCREASED NUMBER OF GUESTS FROM BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY MEANT THE EVENT'S US CORPORATE SPONSORS WERE ABLE TO PROMOTE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES. US CULTURE WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE PRESENCE OF THREE MASTER CHEFS, FLOWN IN FROM CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON DC, WHO PROVIDED GUESTS WITH A TASTE OF FINE AMERICAN CUISINE. FORMER SUPREME MARY WILSON AND HER BAND GAVE A ROUSING PERFORMANCE OF SOUL AND ROCK AND ROLL MUSIC. WHILE THE MOST OF THE NORMALLY SOLEMN VATICAN GOVERNMENT GUESTS LIMITED THEMSELVES TO TAPPING THEIR FEET, THE 74-YEAR OLD GOVERNOR OF VATICAN CITY, US CARDINAL EDMUND SZOKA, BOOGIED

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ENTHUSIASTICALLY THROUGHOUT WILSON'S HOUR-LONG PERFORMANCE.
(NOTE: CARDINAL SZOKA WAS ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT PRIOR TO HIS
VATICAN APPOINTMENT AND HAS KNOWN MARY WILSON SINCE SHE WAS
A CHILD. END NOTE). MERANTE

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